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LB 416

amendment is on page 915 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I was asked to bring this amendment to the body by the Health Department and the Nebraska Health Care Association which as you know is the largest association of nursing homes in the State of Nebraska. This section which actually allows care staff members to administer medications in a nursing home was inadvertently stricken when the bill was amended to include the training requirements for certification of care staff members to administer medication. This was necessary due to an Attorney General's Opinion. So I ask you just to vote for this small amendment on behalf of the nursing homes in the State of Nebraska. Thank you. I move to return the bill.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is to return the bill. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on Senator Higgins' motion to return 416.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The motion is returned. Senator Higgins, tell us about the amendment.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, I just would reiterate what I said. The Health Department and the Nebraska Health Care Association have asked for this amendment so that care staff members will be able once again to administer medications in a nursing home. These are external medications. This was necessitated by an Opinion from the Attorney General after the bill that was previously passed was amended. So I just urge the advancement of the amendment or the adoption of it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, the question is the adoption of the Higgins amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Higgins' amendment.